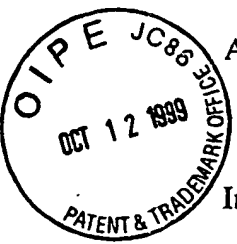


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In Re Application of:

Melik Isbara

Serial No. 08/925,868

Filed: September 9, 1997

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INTERFACING MIXED VOLTAGE  
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Applicant submits this Amendment for consideration concurrently with the continued prosecution application filed herewith. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 18 is deleted, without prejudice.

Claims 1, 8, 9, 13, 17, 19 and 20 are amended as follows:

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This is a request for a XX continuation or \_\_\_\_\_ divisional under 37 CFR 1.53(d)  
(continuation prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application No: 08/925,868,  
filed on September 9, 1997, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTERFACING MIXED  
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### NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 37. Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

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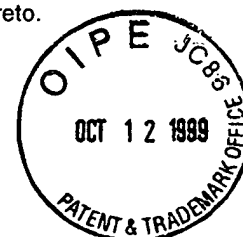
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. XX A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
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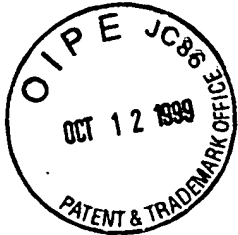
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